

Mountain Range Band Boosters

Booster Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 5th, 2016

8:00 PM Start

9:00 PM End

In Attendance: Tony Gonzales, Lisa Gonzales, Laurie Archuleta, Della Young, Steve Young, Dawn Taylor, Mary Jo A., Marissa Bolton, Lori Sherman, Holly Spriggs, Melissa Nadon, Lori Manzo

September 14th meeting minutes were passed for all to approve. Lori motioned for approval. Unsure of 2nd. All approved. Going forward only one copy will be printed and passed to be read. Minutes are posted on the website, parents are encouraged to read these prior to meeting.

Treasurers Report-Mary Jo

- Still concerned over lack of participation in individual fundraising.
- Need to find a way to increase the non-paying band member's individual fundraising.
- Emphasized that anyone not current on their IFR will not be allowed to participate in Winter Guard or winter percussion.

If you do not want to participate in fundraising you have the option to write a check.

Arapahoe Schedule and Food

- All day competition-we stay and watch if we don't make finals
- The students will receive 2 meals + snacks.
- Please bring lanterns to help light the camp after dark.
- You can bring chairs/blankets for yourself to have in the camp.
- **PLEASE NOTE: If you signed up to help with prop/pit you will be doing both prelims and finals.**

Fundraising updates

- Firehouse Subs-\$150 raised for the general fund
- Menchies - \$95 rose for the general fund.

Upcoming Fundraisers

- **Café Rio-Thursday, October 6th-ALL DAY.** Flyer is posted on the website
 - **Don't forget to snap your receipt**-5% back to your student from snap boosters.
- **3 Margaritas**-Tuesday, October 25th (Orchard) 5 PM to 10 PM-Flyer to come
- Butterbraids and Christmas plant sale Nov/Dec

Ongoing Fundraisers

- King Soopers Reloadable Gift Cards
- Amazon Smiles-click on link when making a purchase on Amazon-band gets a small percentage
- Shop with Scrip
- Snap Booster
 - Take picture of receipt earn money for individual fundraising accounts
 - Marketing tool for companies

- Can also do surveys to make even more \$\$

October MB Schedule

- Lori went over the calendar for October-the calendar link is on the website. Busy month ahead please watch for emails.

Board Elections-November 2016

- Please let Lori or any board member if you desire to be on the board-you can start shadowing now if desired.
- Nicole Matkowsky has expressed interest in becoming the booster secretary.
- Lori would like to have a Show Coordinator for shows we host at MR (winter guard and winter percussion)
- Lori would like to have a Banquet Coordinator for the end of the year banquet in May.

Trip Update

- No new information at this time.

WP, WG, Parade of Lights, Gala, Nov. 10th Jazz Concert?

- Discussed when these happen

Brainstorming Idea's

The Naked Hanger:

It was suggested that the marching band-all or part-play in uniform in the parking lot at **The Naked Hanger**. The owners have dry cleaned the uniforms for the past two years. They have expressed an interest in having the band come and do this. It would be a great way to promote the Mountain Range Band. Mary Jo is willing to help coordinate this.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Host a dinner in the spring and have the Jazz Band play. Invite other middle school Jazz bands to perform to promote our school and band program. We could charge \$5 a plate (or other reasonable price) and it would also be a fundraiser. Melissa is willing to help coordinate this.

Parade of Lights:

Mary Jo suggested that the band march in the Home Farm neighborhood after the parade of lights. This would promote the band and be a way to thank the community for all of their support on tag day. We could ask a home farm owner to contact their HOA and ask for support of this and also promote it. Have pizza, cookie and hot chocolate afterwards. And then have students help de-light their uniforms.

Band Banquet:

It was suggested that the band students help plan their banquet.

Band Council:

Lori suggested that a "band council" be formed so that they can have input and help plan the many activities of the band. Using the existing section leaders would be a good place to start this.

Concert Band:

Can the concert band be part of the football games by playing the pep songs with the marching band? It might show those students how much fun marching band is and encourage them to join in the future.

Is there a way to have the concert band be a part of the marching band?

Pep Band for the school year:

Can a pep band be formed from existing band students in all band programs? Can students that are currently not in band be a part of the pep band?

Frustrations:

The following are frustrations that have been discussed at this meeting as well as past booster meetings. Parents want to know if their concerns are getting to Mr. Evans and Mr. Wilson, they will be shared on the meeting minutes and emailed directly to them.

Fundraising commitment:

Why are students allowed to carry a negative balance? How is this addressed by Mr. Evans?

Incomplete show at Legacy:

Parents were very frustrated that we go to the Legacy Marching Festival with an incomplete show. They feel this is completely unacceptable based on comments made by students and an adult from other schools/marching bands.

They feel that there is adequate time to prepare and do not understand why all of the students do not have all of the music-specifically the drumline.

The cost of performing is also a factor. Why pay so much if the show is not complete? And we go to it knowing this.

Winter Percussion:

Parents want to know if the show will be complete before the end of the season this year. There was extreme frustration last year with how long it took for the students to have all of the music and drill.

Why are students allowed to be in WP and WG if they are not current in their fundraising commitment?